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Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption
of Kobe Steel, Ltd.,
File number: 82-3371

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Dear Madam/Sir:

In connection with Kobe Steel Ltd.'s exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) from the registration and reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and in compliance with its ongoing requirements under Rule 12g3-2(b)(iii), please find enclosed a copy of the Company's release today covering

" ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC UNSECURED YEN BONDS "

Thank you for your assistance in handling it as required.

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Sincerely yours,

Kanako Nakagawa
Finance Department
Kobe Steel, Ltd.

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25 May 2004
Yasuo Inubushi
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Kobe Steel, Ltd.
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ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC UNSECURED YEN BONDS

Kobe Steel, Ltd. hereby gives notice that it has decided to issue Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds under the terms as set forth below:

Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds due 4 June, 2009

1. Name: Kobe Steel, Ltd.
Series 41 Unsecured Bonds
(Limited Inter-Bond Pari Passu Clause)
2. Total Amount of Issue: 10 Billion Yen
3. Denomination of Bond: 100,000,000 Yen each
4. Interest Rate: 0.96% per annum of the principal of the Bonds
5. Issue Price: 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds
6. Redemption Price: 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds
7. Maturity Date: To be redeemed in a lump sum on 4 June 2009
8. Offering Period: 25 May 2004
9. Closing Date: 4 June 2004
10. Method of Issue: Public offering in the domestic market
11. Date of Payment of Interest on the Bonds: Semiannually on 4 June and 4 December
12. Status of the Bonds: Unsecured by assets or guarantees
13. Fiscal Agent: UFJ Bank Limited
14. Underwriters: Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. and
Merrill Lynch Japan Securities Co., Ltd.,
as the "Joint Lead Managers", and
other underwriters

Use of Proceeds: To be applied toward repayment of loans and/or
redemption of bonds